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### THOUGHTS AND SENTIMENTS

By ISAAC B. BALL

High Priests, give heed:

*Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord.*

The body of the High Priest is a quorum of presiding authority in the Church. Within this group resides the leadership in charge of over 1200 wards, of more than 125 Stakes, and also the leadership of the Twelve Apostles and the First Presidency of the Church. Surely in such tried and true company each High Priest will strive consistently to live up to his best in his high calling. But the difficulties of living up to the ideals of Jesus in this world of trials and of sin are ever present. How many saints continue saintly?

We live in a lovely world, 'tis true. But it is also a fallen, sinful world. Our constant environment is that of a foul atmosphere. It is tainted with worldliness, selfish aims, low motives, jealousies, hates, fears, lusts. Even when we live above this foul atmosphere we are still beset with trials, doubts, defeats, injustices, dangers, provocations. And admittedly we all sin daily.

Surely we need to seek a charm of some sort against the evils of our lives, even as superstitious ones trust a rabbits foot, or an amber bead. For Christians, that charm is a gem from Scripture learned from daily reading of our good books.

The words of the Lord have a subtle, divine potency, a heavenly charm. They cleanse us from our stains and taints. Hear Jesus explaining to his disciples: "Now ye are clean through the words which I have spoken unto you . . . abide in me and I in you."

Do we not all wish this cleansing daily? It's thrilling! Inspiring! But if we fail to read daily the words that Jesus is speaking to us, how can we say that we wish to be cleansed by His words? Is it not the same as though we were in His company while He was speaking to us and we chose to turn our ears to other affairs and voices?

Would we do that? "Oh no," we say, "we would listen to Him." But He has written to us, and is thus speaking to us, and some of us read almost everything else that comes to hand, while we are, perhaps, unconsciously, discourteous to Jesus in that we pass by his personal letters unread and almost unnoted, and unresponded to!

The Redeemer has also written to us other messages, and sent them to us through his servants the prophets of other dispensations. Thus we have the Bible, the Book of Mormon, the Pearl of Great Price.

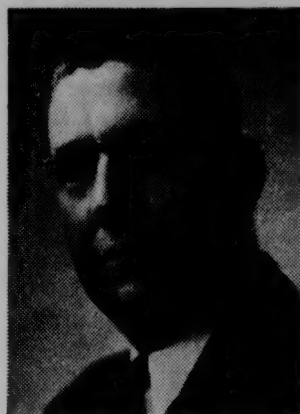
May we not adapt those words of Jesus which he lovingly addressed to his faithful apostles of old, and hear him say to you and to me, quietly and touchingly:

"Become clean, my beloved saints, my friends, through learning to feast upon the words which I have spoken unto you. Search the Scriptures."

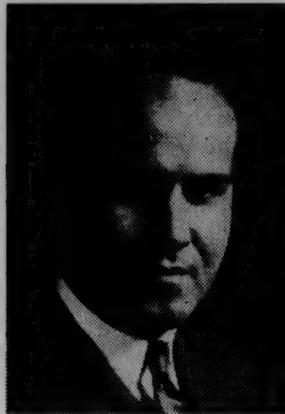
### A MORMON HANDICRAFT SALE

The Relief Society will stage a sale of Mormon handicraft articles at the Pay Less Market on Telegraph avenue, opposite Capwell's, on December 8 and 9. Object of the sale is to provide a market for persons who have made articles for sale. Proceeds of the sale will go back to the persons whose articles are sold. There are only two requirements: the articles must be well made, and they must be priced right so they will sell.

### BERKELEY WARD BISHOPRIC REORGANIZED



Bishop Alma D. Ericksen



Bishop Jesse R. Farr

An important item of business taken care of by Elder Joseph F. Merrill during his recent visit was the reorganization of Berkeley ward which took place Sunday evening, November 26. Bishop Alma D. Ericksen and his two counselors, Denzel Allen and Von T. Ellsworth, were released. Elder Jesse R. Farr was sustained and later ordained as the new bishop, and Elder Alvin G. Carpenter as first counselor. Selection of second counselor was deferred until later.

The release of Bishop Ericksen and his counselors culminates four years of faithful and efficient service as head of Berkeley ward. Bishop Ericksen came to Berkeley in 1931 and has been active in one capacity or another ever since. For a time he served upon the high council. By reason of his practical experience in the building of several chapels in Idaho, he was made chairman of the building committee in Berkeley ward, and actively supervised and guided that project to final completion. When it was completed in 1936 he was made ward bishop to succeed the late beloved Phares W. Dunyon, and he chose Elders Allen and Ellsworth as his counselors.

Under their guidance and under the stimulus of the new home Berkeley ward grew rapidly. They worked untiringly to pay off the building debt and finally succeeded. Then they engineered the purchase of a new pipe organ which also has been paid for. In the meantime

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### COMING EVENTS

Friday, December 8—Alameda entertains Elmhurst, Hayward and Dimond; Napa entertains Martinez, Pittsburg and Vallejo; Richmond entertains Berkeley, Claremont and Oakland.

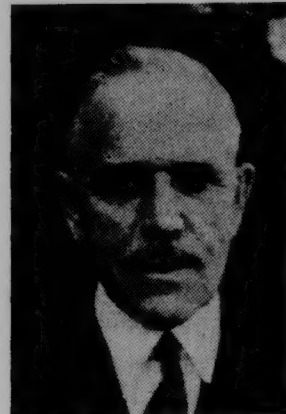
Friday, December 15—Claremont entertains Richmond, Berkeley, Oakland; Hayward entertains Elmhurst, Alameda and Dimond; Martinez entertains Pittsburg, Vallejo and Napa.

Sunday, December 17—Union meeting for priesthood quorums, Sunday school, Genealogical Society, bishoprics.

Saturday, December 30—Stake New Year's Party, Berkeley Ward Recreation Hall.

Friday, January 5—Stake Junior-Explorers' Party.

### ELDER JOSEPH F. MERRILL VISITS OAKLAND STAKE



Elder Joseph F. Merrill

Elder Joseph F. Merrill, of the Council of Twelve, paid his first official visit to Oakland Stake as the representative of the general authorities at the regular quarterly conference held November 25 and 26. Elder Merrill expressed himself several times during his stay as being highly gratified with the evidences of the Church's spiritual and temporal progress here.

Preliminary meetings with the Stake presidency and high council were held Friday and Saturday, and special attention was given to the advisability of creating a new ward between Dimond and Elmhurst. This ward, if created, would relieve the overcrowded condition of the Dimond ward chapel and would reduce the distances many members of Elmhurst have to travel to attend church. No definite action was taken, but Elder Merrill will make a report of his findings to the first presidency who will confer further with the Stake presidency at a later date.

The regular conference sessions began with a Stake priesthood meeting on Saturday evening. Elders Delbert F. Wright and Ralph Barney of the high council gave reports of the Melchizedek and adult Aaronic priesthood and their projects as related to the welfare work of the Stake. There are some 350 members of the adult Aaronic priesthood, and efforts are intensifying to reach and revitalize the brethren.

Bishop Angus E. Norberg, of Oakland ward, executive head of the bishops' council, gave a brief report of the organization of the bishops' storehouse. Some 120 cases of foodstuffs, a large quantity of clothing and sufficient furniture to equip a four-room cottage have been received since August. Forty boxes of clothing, 25 rolls of garden hose have been shipped back to the regional storehouse in Salt Lake City for use in regions where needed.

President Hilton spoke briefly on the accomplishments of the welfare work. He stated the big problem confronting us is to help people help themselves. To this end has the plant in East Oakland been erected. There has been received and spent on it in actual cash, exclusive of labor and materials, \$1,430.40. The custodian's cottage and the work shop and sheds have been completed except for painting. The painting is to be undertaken right away. Other project to be completed are the digging of a well, building of a tank, building of chicken coops and launching into the raising of chickens, a garden project to utilize the premises not otherwise used, and the gathering and sawing of firewood.

Elder Merrill closed the meeting with a vigorous sermon on the importance of quorum vigilance. Every quorum, said he, is supposed to have as a project the elimination of the use of liquor and tobacco among quorum members. We must remember that we do not exist for the Church, but the Church exists for us and



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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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## EDITORIAL

Lift up your head and be of good cheer; for behold, the time is at hand, and on this night shall the sign be given, and on the morrow come I into the world, to show unto the world that I will fulfill all that which I have caused to be spoken by the mouth of my prophets.

And it came to pass that the words which came unto Nephi were fulfilled according as they had been spoken; for behold, at the going down of the sun there was no darkness; and the people began to be astonished because there was no darkness when the night came.

And there were many who had not believed the words of the prophets, who fell to the earth and became as if they were dead, for they knew that the great plan of destruction which they had laid for those who believed in the words of the prophets had been frustrated; for the signal which had been given was already at hand.

And it came to pass that there was no darkness in all that night, but it was as light as though it was mid-day. And it came to pass that the sun did rise in the morning again, according to its proper order; and they knew it was the day that the Lord should be born, because of the sign which had been given.

And it had come to pass, yea, all things, every whit, according to the words of the prophet.

And it came to pass that a new star did appear, according to the word.

—3 Nephi, 1:13-21.

## ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER

Alameda: Grant Ellis, Claude M. Dewsnup.  
Berkeley: Don J. Allphin, Delbert F. Wright.  
Claremont: Nathan G. Tolman, Robert T. Paine.  
Dimond: W. Glenn Harmon.  
Elmhurst: Don C. Wood, Wayne E. Mayhew.  
Hayward: William J. Nielsen, Victor C. Lindblad.  
Martinez: Oscar Fontana, Harry Fletcher.  
Napa: Eugene Hilton.  
Oakland: George Southgate, Alma D. Erickson.  
Pittsburg: Clyde J. Summerhays.  
Richmond: Ralph S. Barney, John G. Shields.  
Vallejo: R. Kendall Thomas, Leo Crandall.

## MESSAGE OF THE STAKE PRESIDENCY

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

May we take this means of extending to each of you the Season's Greetings. Among the greatest sources of joy to us are the pleasant associations with you and the privilege we have in working hand in hand with you for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

In our giving of gifts at Yuletide, let us each make that one regal gift, which is within the power of all to give, "a broken heart and a contrite spirit." Let us, in all our joyous celebrations, remember Him who died that our joy might be complete. And on this day, which custom and tradition teach us to honor as His birthday, let peace and goodwill emanate from our presence that our fellowmen may know we do remember Him.

And as our year goes into its sunset days, our souls should rejoice in our progress, success and added experience. The mistakes, and they are in the lives of each of us, should be used as stepping stones in our struggle upward and onward. May the New Year bring success and happiness in our wish for each of you.

Faithfully yours,  
EUGENE HILTON,  
W. GLENN HARMON,  
CLYDE J. SUMMERHAYS.

## CHRISTMAS RAILROAD RATES TO SALT LAKE CITY

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Please note that these rates are only available where 15 or more travel at the same time.

## HONORS TO BERKELEY SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS

Dr. Raymond L. Knight, responsible for scouting for the past several years in Berkeley ward and member of the executive council of the Berkeley-Contra Costa Council, was signally honored recently by being made a member of the national executive council of the Boy Scouts of America. At the same time his son, Lynn, together with Robert Johnson, both Eagle scouts and both having recently attained the ripe age of 21, received from the Berkeley-Contra Costa Council certificates of citizenship.

## THE HARVEST BALL A SUCCESS

The annual Utah-Idaho Harvest Ball held Thanksgiving eve at the Scottish Rite Temple was all that anyone could wish. The hall was tastefully decorated, the music was good, the refreshments refreshing, the crowd was large and happy, and the beautiful gowns were beyond description. The M.I.A. is to be complimented.

## OPERA GLASSES LOST

The loss of a pair of opera glasses, a family heirloom, marred the Harvest Ball for Mr. and Mrs. Seth Lloyd. The glasses were mother-of-pearl and were in a black figured bag; they were left in the ladies' lounge at the Scottish Rite Temple. A liberal reward for their return has been offered by Mrs. Lloyd who can be contacted at 1736 California street, Berkeley, Phone Berkeley 5754-W.

## RELIEF SOCIETY NOTES

Counting our blessings, at this glad season, we find ourselves thankful indeed for the splendid, loyal support of ward officers. Especially are we grateful for the recent response which has been given to our sewing drive for the welfare program. Many of these renovated articles were on display at our regular union meeting November 17. The sewing supervisors throughout the Stake are doing a most splendid work.

Our magazine drive is over, and it, too, has shown most gratifying results. Veda Allen, Stake agent, reports that each ward in the Stake reached 100 per cent or more of subscriptions. Dimond ward led with 142 per cent and Elmhurst a close second with 113 per cent. As we distribute this choice collection of lessons to so many homes we feel that the work of raising our attendance to the "100,000 strong" quota is well begun. This membership growth made real strides in 1938. Let us see that 1939 has its share of increase.

The "Mormon Handicraft" sale will be held at the Pay Less Market, 20th and Telegraph, in Oakland, December 8 and 9. All articles to be sold should be brought directly to the market the first morning of sale. The judging committee will be in attendance until noon of that day. However, the booth will open at 8:00 a. m. The earlier your articles are there the better chance they will have for sale.

Attention! Visiting teachers' annual conference will be held December 1 at 1:30 p. m. in the Oakland chapel.

## MICHAEL GETS A MONIKER

December 3 should always be a red-letter day in the life of Michael Durham Farr and his parents, Bishop and Sister Jesse R. Farr of Berkeley ward. Not many youngsters have been or will be able to say that their very own fathers gave them a father's blessing at the very first sacrament meeting over which their father presided as the new ward bishop. That, however, can be Michael's proud and unique boast; but we doubt very much if it prevents his future friends from dubbing him Mike for short.

## PRIMARY BOARD

The discussion class of the Primary Board met in November at the Home of Mrs. Neida Van Noy. Dorothy Stone, Stake superintendent, presented to Mrs. Mavis Humphreys a leather Bible, bearing her monogram, in appreciation of her leadership.

## NAPA RELIEF SOCIETY CANS FRUIT

Stake welfare authorities have been advised by Mrs. H. N. Pitcher, president of the Napa branch Relief Society, that they have on hand 471 cans of pears and apples ready to be turned over for use of the Stake. In addition, they have some 90 jars of fruit donated to them which, they estimate, will be enough for the needs in their own region.

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for our advancement. The same is true of the quorums. We cannot succeed without the inspiration of the holy spirit, and every person in his position is entitled to this inspiration if he lives for it. Human souls are at stake. Above all must we remember that our labor should be in unity and love and not in the spirit of dictatorship.

There were three returned missionaries who addressed the conference sessions on Sunday—Elders Roy Weindorf from the east German mission, Dennis Lauper from the French mission and John G. Haddock from the eastern states mission. President Robert T. Payne of the Stake mission also rendered a brief report on the activities of the past six months. Some 1164 hours were spent in missionary work in the Stake by 46 missionaries, and the tangible results included 29 baptisms.

First speaker at the Sunday morning session was President W. Glenn Harmon. His theme

## WARD TEACHERS' MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER, 1939

### Reverence

At the recent General Conference, the statement was made that "when we enter a chapel dedicated to the Lord to participate in a sacrament service, we enter into the presence of our Father in Heaven."

If we were to come into the physical presence of the Lord, our demeanor would be respectful, reverential and dignified. There would be nothing that would in any way mar or dirt-ro.

Whether we are in the actual physical presence or in the spiritual presence of God, a spirit of reverence and respect should govern us.

At times there seem to be indications that the spirit of irreverence and lack of respect for things spiritual and sacred, which today pervade the world in general, might creep into the lives of Latter-day Saints. This should never be.

We have been given light and knowledge beyond the people of any other church, and for this reason have a more definite foundation for reverence than others have. We should teach our children, both by example and by precept, reverence and respect for everything sacred—for everything connected with the work of the Lord upon the earth as well as in the heavens.

We should have reverence for temples, tabernacles, chapels, recreation halls and other church buildings. They have been dedicated to the service of God. We should have reverence for sacred ordinances and teachings. We should have reverence for God's servants here on the earth. Lack of reverence for things sacred is dangerous. It indicates lack of faith, lack of thoughtfulness, lack of appreciation. These things frequently lead to conditions and actions far more serious.

It is suggested that teachers discuss reverence with the Latter-day Saints with whom they visit and urge special consideration at this time of the reasons why members of our Church should feel and manifest reverence at all times for sacred and spiritual things. (Taken from November Era, page 879)

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was in keeping with the Thanksgiving season and he pointed out how blessed we were among the children of men while all around us the flames of war exist. Quoting freely from the Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants he pointed out how present conditions had been predicted, how it had even been predicted that the Church of Christ would in the last days, be scattered all over the world and in small numbers, and how they would do "a great and marvelous work." He warned of the dangers besetting us and that if we would have our blessings continue and would keep from being absorbed by the world around us we must be eternally vigilant and prayerful.

Elder Merrill expressed his pleasure in visiting this Stake for the first time. He commented upon the change in Church policy in recent years as to "the gathering of Israel to the tops of the mountains," saying that this was no longer being urged and that the time for it had passed. The phrase, "come out of Babylon" is now interpreted to mean "forsake the ways of Babylon." The work of the Lord prospers more under modern conditions through a dispersion of the Church membership. He paid tribute to the saints living in Germany, pointing out that they paid more per capita tithing than did those in Utah.

"Living the gospel is the most effective way to help the Church grow," he said. People are, generally, indifferent to preaching, they pay only lip service to Christianity; as a way of life it does not mean much to them. Europe is far less religious than it was before the last World War. There is no conception there of the doctrine of free agency. "There is," he said, "in very deed a Satan with his hosts trying to destroy us, and wherever you find the saints the devil is there also." If we live the gospel, we are changed from the manner of the world, but it is difficult to live the gospel because of Satan. If we fail it is because of lack of faith; the thing we need to teach is faith, but we,



Denzel C. Allen



Von T. Ellsworth



G. Alvin Carpenter

the growth of the ward was such that the Stake authorities decided upon a division, and Claremont ward was created out of a small part of Oakland and Berkeley south of University avenue. The division reduced the numbers and depleted the ranks of ward officers in Berkeley, but the bishopric soon had matters straightened out again and Berkeley ward has continued to grow.

The time and effort exacted of one who faithfully discharges the duties of a bishop or counselor are extremely taxing, and it was at Bishop Erickson's own suggestion that since the new home had been provided and paid for and affairs were running smoothly after the disruption of division, it would be appropriate to make a change. His suggestion was finally acquiesced in with full and deep appreciation for the magnificent job he and his associates have done.

Bishop Jesse R. Farr, born at St. Johns, Arizona, in a tent and during a snowstorm on January 1, 1907, is the son of Willard Farr and Mary Romney Farr. His life has been active scholastically and in the Church. He filled a

the teachers, ourselves need faith. If there is a God, if this is His work, it becomes to us the most important thing in life.

He paid high tribute to Joseph Smith and decried the failure of modern Latter-day Saints to appreciate him. There was good reason why Joseph Smith was selected for his work rather than some Bible scholar or theologian. Joseph Smith had no prejudices. Because he had no prejudices he was receptive; because he was receptive he became outstanding for the things he did. And more than one noted non-Mormon has stated he was the greatest religious teacher since the time of Christ. He taught truth with a clarity, understanding, simplicity and directness that no university man could have equaled, and this because he was directly God-taught. The Christian world of his time taught, and part of it still teaches, that those who do not accept Christ in this life are forever lost. This means literally, if true, that the vast majority of Adam's descendants are forever damned, because they never heard of Christ. This doctrine makes of God an unjust being. Joseph Smith introduced to the world, in contrast to this, the doctrine that the celestial kingdom is open to all who fulfill the necessary conditions to get

there, be they fulfilled in this life or in the life to come. No scholar has ever been able to explain the scriptural references to "spirits in prison" and "baptism for the dead," but Joseph Smith taught the world their true significance.

Elder Merrill concluded his address with a plea to teach by example; we shall be judged by our works and not by our lips. "The basis of the strength of the Church," he said, "is its unequivocal promise that those who fulfill the conditions will get a testimony of its truth. Every person is given this promise that if they will earnestly seek they will learn that this is in very deed God's work."

The afternoon session was addressed by President Clyde J. Summerhays, who urged proper observance of fast Sundays by abstaining from two meals and devoting the cost thereof to welfare work, and attendance at sacrament meeting, the most important meeting of the Church. He was followed by President Anna Ellsworth of the Relief Society who reported on that organization's activities in regard to the welfare project.

President Hilton then addressed the gathering briefly on the theme of thanksgiving. He

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expressed his appreciation for the devotion of both Stake and ward officers. "The Gospel emphasizes the worth of the individual," he said.

The evening session was in charge of the Stake M.I.A. under the direction of Superintendent Lund A. Johnson and President Mary Dunham.

This account cannot be closed without mention of the outstanding musical contributions to each of the sessions. At the priesthood session Elder Afton Stout rendered two baritone solos in his characteristically fine manner. Sunday morning the Mormon male chorus, under the direction of Stake Chorister Robert Sant, furnished several numbers. Sunday afternoon the Berkeley ward choir, directed by Elder Seth Lloyd, supplied the music. Sunday evening, the M.I.A. program was enriched by several fine musical contributions.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S SYMPHONY OF BERKELEY IN CONCERT DECEMBER 17

The Young People's Symphony Orchestra of the City of Berkeley will be heard in concert at the Campus Theatre on Sunday afternoon, December 17 at 3:00 p. m. This orchestra, composed of talented youngsters throughout the City of Berkeley, has already won a position of high regard in musical circles. This concert is of special interest to Latter-day saints, since the guest soloist at the piano will be Master Reed Stone, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Leslie Stone. He will play Mendelssohn's Concerto in G Minor. Proceeds of the concert will be devoted to furthering the work of the organization. There will be no tickets sold at the door but those desiring to attend may obtain tickets from Mrs. Heber C. Russell, Berkeley 3798-W.

#### MARTINEZ WARD

Services Held at 1022 Thompson Street,  
Martinez

The Relief Society gave a turkey dinner Friday evening, November 10, for the benefit of the building fund, in the Veterans' Memorial Hall. Approximately 200 people were served.

Gilbert Roskelly has recovered from his recent illness.

Mrs. Maude Ridge is recuperating from a recent operation. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

The Relief Society ladies were entertained by Mrs. Vera Guymon and Mrs. Mary Cullum at the Cullum home in Concord November 15.

Jack Roskelly, who has spent the past several months in Arizona, is back in our ward again.

Primary conference was held November 12. A very fine program was presented and we were pleased to have several members of the Stake Board present.

Sunday school conference was held November 19. Mr. Farr and Mr. Osmond of the Stake Board were visitors.

Mrs. Audie Johnson recently enjoyed a short vacation at Mercy Hot Springs, Dos Palos.

Miss Norma Johnson and Miss Birdie Hutchings, who have been visiting at the Einer Johnson home, are now attending school in Oakland.

The Seagull Girls of the primary recently enjoyed a "slumber party" at the home of their leader, Mrs. Valentine Dahlin.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Hatch of Safford,

Arizona, were recent visitors at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Melba Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hipwell were called to West Weber, Utah, by the serious illness and subsequent death of Mr. Hipwell's father, Mr. John Hipwell.

The ward building program is progressing. Mr. Earl Hedar, who has recently supervised the erection of a chapel in Fallon, Nevada, has been engaged as contractor. We are well pleased with the efforts of the various committees in connection with this project. Glenn Robison is chairman of the building committee and Willard Knowles is chairman of the finance committee.

#### HAYWARD WARD

Services Held at 1070 B Street

A net of \$43.00 was the amount added to the building fund after the chapel benefit dinner Hayward building committee served to conference-goers. The Bishopric feels to thank members for their patronage and those who helped for their cooperation.

Another addition of funds for the new chapel is expected from the sale of pictures of the Sunday School group. They were taken in October by Glenn Rounds, former Sunday School superintendent at Hayward, who is finishing prints for the number of orders placed with him.

Adoption of the plan to have all ward officers and teachers meetings held on the same night, has been approved after the first successful attempt last month. The plan will save on labor, eliminate demands on time and confusion of meeting dates.

It is the hope of the Mutual officers of this ward that by changing the date of the four-ward budget party from Friday, the 15th, to Thursday, the 14th, that the size of the crowd will be noticeably affected. Many obstacles were found by using the stated schedule that could only be overcome by advancing the party date.

Thomas Auger, former counselor to the Bishop, has returned home from Superior, Wisconsin, where has been employed since last May. He will spend the winter with his family.

Leona Hansen, daughter of Mrs. Beatrice Hansen of Mt. Eden, and Robert Ray, son of Mrs. Anne Ray of Hayward, are both in the hospital suffering from serious illnesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Wills and nine children have moved from Hayward to Elmhurst ward.

Annual visits from the Bishopric to all homes in the ward were begun Thanksgiving week. It is their plan to have made a "holiday season" call at every home before the New Year.

#### DIMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel at 3618 Dimond  
Avenue, Oakland

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers met November 30 at the home of Winnifred Phelps with Ruth Shurtliff as assisting hostess. Fifteen members attended.

The Genealogical Society was recently reorganized with Roy Weindorf, recently returned missionary from Germany, at its head.

His only chosen assistant at present is Rex McKean. Their meetings are now held each Sunday evening following sacrament meeting.

Our latest missionary arriving home is Dennis Lauper, who labored in Switzerland, Belgium and France. Among friends who entertained for him on his return was Vera Kneeshaw who had a delightful informal dinner party in his honor at her home November 29.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Ella Chase who was taken to the hospital.

The class in "Family Relationships" for the young married women of the ward is under the capable leadership of June Weindorf Smith. It is held the first Wednesday evening of each month at her mother's home. For the December meeting, aside from the prescribed lesson, an experienced woman from H. C. Capwell's taught the young women an effective and efficient method of wrapping Christmas packages. More than 25 attended.

The primary conference, November 26, showed to parents and friends of the children what this organization is accomplishing. The monthly meeting of the officers was held at the home of Rose Clarke, November 30. Emma Mathison and Evangeline Peddler assisted the hostess, and Hazel Allen conducted the lesson. A part of the evening was devoted to plans for the bazaar and the children's Christmas party.

Mildred Morgan had her sister, Mrs. W. T. Howell from San Diego, as a recent house guest.

The M.I.A. officers had John G. Shields, head of the liquor control board in Contra Costa County, speak to the young people Tuesday evening, December 5.

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#### CLAREMONT WARD

Services Held at 2980 Adeline Street, Berkeley

A two-hour program was given by Frances and Mary Neilson and students November 4 and 5 at the Oakland Auditorium Arena.

The Claremont basketball team have new suits. They are navy blue and white with a jacket. They were donated by Riley's Radio Service, who advertises in THE MESSENGER.

Tom and Lorna Birchill spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Ogden, Utah. Tom is the ward clerk and Lorna is teacher of social service in the Relief Society.

The Mutual has a new drama leader. She is Tay Bromley. Tay's husband, Carl Bromley, is the new M Men teacher. Gail Larson is the new Gleaner teacher.

The M Men and Gleaners gave a Backwards Tuesday, November 28, at the home of the Gleaner president, Flora Gain. A prize was given to the couple most poorly dressed and the winners were Norma Lawry and Paul Orem.

The Claremont Ward Mutual is saving Oxydol box tops and Ivory soap wrappers. As the Mutual gets a certain amount of money in return for these, they would appreciate any help from its members.

Maurine Carr went to Los Angeles to act as matron of honor at the wedding of her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Wrathall of Grantsville, Utah, are here visiting with Jack and Irene Millward.

Next Monday night Claremont's basketball team plays Berkeley ward. Claremont has won every game but one and this game is an important one.

Gerald Millward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sel. Millward, has a broken shoulder bone.

November 28 the Claremont Boy Scouts had their Court of Honor.

The primary conference was held Nov. 19. Marie Compton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burdett, is visiting with her parents.

#### OAKLAND WARD

Services Held at Chapel, Corner Moss Avenue  
and Webster Street, Oakland

The Relief Society held a very interesting meeting Tuesday, November 21. Mrs. Phyllis Warnick, Mrs. Ruth Bowen and Mrs. Adrian Gee dramatized the trial of Joan of Arc, and the meeting was drawn to a close by Mrs. Ruth Wright singing the French national hymn, "La Marseillaise."

The Family Relations class of the Relief Society held their meeting at Mrs. Irene Rankers' home on November 15. Mrs. Annabelle Hart gave the lesson, "Our Responsibility to our Mates," after which Mrs. Irene Ranker gave a lesson on the art of candy making. She also demonstrated by making candy for the class, and presented a book of recipes to each member.

Elder J. George Haddock, who has been laboring in the mission field for the past two years, returned home November 19. Mr. Haddock labored in Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee and reports having had an enjoyable time.

The Aaronic Priesthood boys gave a banquet in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fletcher, who are anticipating moving out of the ward in the near future. Mr. Fletcher has for the past number of years been the supervising director of the Aaronic Priesthood boys in Oakland ward. A fine program was presented by the boys to a group of 60 friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher.

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Relief Society, and who is now living in Los Angeles, visited in Oakland recently.

The primary conference will be held Dec. 10. Oakland ward was host to Berkeley, Claremont and Richmond wards at a hard times party, given December 1 at the ward recreation hall. Doughnuts and cider were served.

#### VALLEJO WARD

Meet at 2010 Marin Street, Vallejo

The Vallejo ward Bishopric and their wives attended the delightful turkey dinner given by Martinez ward for the benefit of the building fund.

The Relief Society sewing class held their second meeting November 15 with 20 ladies present, to whom luncheon was served at noon.

The Relief Society visiting teachers training meeting was held at the home of Bertha Stoker, November 16. After the meeting the members surprised Mrs. Stoker with a beautiful table lamp for her new home.

The Sunday School officers and teachers gave a pleasant surprise party for Superintendent and Mrs. Alfred J. Knight, who were recently married in the Salt Lake Temple.

New arrivals in our ward are Mr. and Mrs. Leland Knight and family from Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. N. Dorman from New York; Beatrice Lindley from Salt Lake City, and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Johnson of San Francisco ward. We are very happy to welcome these members.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larsen spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Los Angeles with their son and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brown are in Salt Lake City visiting with relatives and friends.

#### ALAMEDA WARD

Services Held at Odd Fellows Hall, Corner  
Park St. and Santa Clara Ave., Alameda

The primary officers and teachers entertained at a very nicely arranged Halloween party for the children on Halloween afternoon, October 30.

A successful bazaar was recently conducted by the Relief Society.

Mrs. Violet Pinckney, ward chairman for the Improvement Era, enthusiastically reports that our ward was one of the first to exceed the subscription quota. But that the campaign is still on and will be until the Era is in every home.

Mrs. Reba Winkel recently returned from an extended trip to Utah.

Mrs. Emma Targhetta was unexpectedly called back to Salt Lake City, due to the sudden illness of her father, just shortly after she and her husband had returned from a business and vacation trip there.

Mrs. Sarah Nielsen is at present in Utah visiting relatives and friends.

On November 1 Mrs. Wm. Greer Wilton conducted at her home a very excellently arranged party in the nature of a silver offering in support of the ward building fund.

Under direction of ward Aaronic Priesthood chairman, Leo H. Crandall, the deacons participated in a wood chopping event, carrying out a much appreciated assignment.

Realizing a long cherished ambition and to supplement necessary educational funds, Delmont Seavers arrived home recently from an ocean trip which took him first to Westminster,

B. C., Canada, then to the Hawaiian Islands, and home through the Panama Canal and New Orleans.

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Seavers is Mr. Seavers' mother, Mrs. W. E. Wetmore, from Pocatello, Idaho.

Mr. George H. Pinckney recently combined a very pleasant business and pleasure trip to Salt Lake City, central and southern Utah, during which Mr. Pinckney visited Bryce and Zion canyons.

A highlight among the many excellent Sunday evening M.I.A. services we have had was held November 5, when one of the largest groups ever assembled in Alameda ward was addressed by President Hilton in a most interesting and instructive manner on the subject of "Eternal Marriage."

An event that thrilled the officers and brought joy to the hearts of the parents in the progress of the children was the primary conference held November 19.

Under direction of Scoutmaster C. T. Carver the Scout Troop entertained in a Parents' Night program, November 13, in special honor of retiring Scoutmaster W. J. Liddle.

Miss Esther McRae has had her sister, Doris, visiting her from Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Leo H. Crandall and Mrs. Delbert J. Lee have been to Seattle and the Northwest, vacationing and visiting relatives and friends.

Away from Alameda for Thanksgiving have been Mr. and Mrs. William F. Everett, to Los Angeles; Mrs. C. T. Carver to Salt Lake City.

The Otto Duke family have moved from the ward to Alaska, where Mr. Duke went on a business assignment.

The ward welcomes among its ranks as new members the Mark R. Howcroft family, Mrs. Vina Holdaway, and Mrs. Bertha Haslam.

#### PITTSBURG

Services Held in American Legion Hall on  
E Street

October 28 the M.I.A. gave a Halloween party at the Legion Hall in Pittsburg. It was a costume party and proved to be lots of fun. Paul Barras won a prize as the jolly hobo and Mrs. Mildred Gibbs as a nigger mammy. There were 52 persons present. Many prepared basket lunches, which were auctioned off. Games and dancing concluded the evening.

Sunday, October 29, was Sunday School conference. Special music was provided. Mr. L. Astel spoke on progress in church work. V. Kirby, Ada Scott and N. Nelson also gave inspiring talks. There were present as visitors Francis Gealta, Walter Alylet and Junius Payne from the Sunday School Board. They also gave some good instruction.

A change in the M.I.A. meeting place has been announced. They will meet in the Episcopal Church, corner of 12th and Harbor streets, Pittsburg, at 7:50 p. m. Wednesday evenings.

On Sunday, November 19, Mr. Victor Lind-

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blad, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Neilson of the Stake High Council, were visitors here. Mr. Lindblad spoke on the "Beauties of the Bible," and Mr. Neilson on welfare work.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Wilson of Berkeley, and Dr. and Mrs. W. Young of San Francisco were visitors at the E. C. Hinckley home, over Thanksgiving.

### BERKELEY WARD

#### All Services Held at Chapel, Corner Vine and Walnut Streets, Berkeley

The Berkeley Camp, Daughters of Utah Pioneers, held their November meeting at the home of Captain Clara Acomb. The December meeting will be held December 18 at the home of Mrs. Viola Porter, 911 Oxford street. It will be in the nature of a pioneer Christmas party, and all members having costumes are requested to wear them.

The "reds" invaded the home of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Cummings on December 3 and opened a "Totalitarian Beanery" for the edification and entertainment of a handful of picked sympathizers. Profiteer prices prevailed, deviled eggs sold as high as \$1.50 per half, toothpicks at \$1.00 per pick (50c refund for returned used picks) and an entire meal cost as much as \$1000.

There's lots more news in Berkeley ward this month but we're temporarily suffering from lack of a reporter. Better report next time.

### ELMHURST WARD

#### Services Held at Chapel, 96th Avenue and Derby Street, Oakland

The primary association, under the leadership of Mrs. Eva Hunter, held its annual ward conference November 12. The theme of the conference was peace and love for our fellow men, which was beautifully depicted by a pageant which portrayed several of the parables of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meyer, who have lived in Elmhurst ward for many years, have moved to a different part of the city. The High Priests Quorum, of which Mr. Meyer was a member, gave a farewell party at the recreation hall, November 4, in honor of the Meyers. The evening was spent in playing games and dancing old-fashioned dances, after which a delicious luncheon was served.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fishburn have returned after spending several weeks with their daughter in Stockton.

The Boy Scouts recently gave a banquet for their Dads in the new addition of the Elmhurst ward chapel. There were present 44 dads and Scouts, including the Scouters of Troop 44. Chili beans and pumpkin pie were served. Troop Committee Chairman Wm. C. Owens presided. Mr. Frank Edwards, who is a member of the Western Association of Angling and the Foothill Sportsmen Club was a special guest of the evening, and gave an interesting talk on fishing, which was enjoyed by both Scouts and Dads. Each father was called upon to stand and introduce himself and son. Troop 44 is growing and before long we hope it will be one of the largest and best in Oakland.

Miss Helene Brummett spent Thanksgiving week visiting with friends in Salt Lake City.

The M.I.A. have given several very successful parties during the past month. The costume party and dance held on Hallowe'en was one of the most enjoyable affairs of the season. The entertainment for the evening was under the direction of Maurine Brimhall, and a good time was had by all.

The Junior M Men recently entertained the Junior girls with a Treasure Hunt, which was followed by a weinie roast at Sequoia Park.

### VITAL STATISTICS

#### BIRTHS:

To Mr. and Mrs. B. Wells Shurtleff, Vallejo, a son, November 3.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Dale Speed, Oakland, a son, September 28.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fielding, Oakland, a daughter, September 17.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Loomis, Hayward, a daughter.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Garney Johnson, Oakland, a daughter, October 12.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Hathaway, Oakland, a son, October 7.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Johnson, Alameda, a daughter.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Clare Hunt, Alameda, a daughter.

#### BLESSINGS:

Barbara Elaine Pelton, Wallace Rodlyn Fowles, Vallejo.  
Judith Annette Edner, Elmhurst.  
Flora Hanette Fisher, Livermore.  
Phyllis K. Murphy, Mary Del Dooper, Gail A. Eddington, Olson, Jr., Phillip Sherrell Shurtliff, Patricia N. Wardell, Dimond.  
Joseph Anthony Fontana, Martinez.  
Richard Warren Krable, Claremont.  
Wilma Frances Johnson, Merlin Scott Hathaway, Donna Jean Burrows, Leica Fielding, Eldon Dale Speed, Philip Walter Carlson, Oakland.  
Donald Verl Means, Alameda.

#### BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

Melba Dianne Osmond, Allen Davidson, Ellen Mary Tanter, Elmhurst.  
Darwin Eugene Butcher, Jean Rae Gordon, Ella Gordon Krabbe, Claremont.  
Glen Richard Whitmore, Gene Thomas Thon, Frederick Allen Cox, Vallejo.  
Evelyn Joyce Loe, Anita June Loe, Dimond.  
Bertha Haslam, Alameda.

#### ORDINATIONS:

High Priests:  
Jesse R. Farr, George Alvin Carpenter, by Joseph F. Merrill, November 26.

#### Bishop:

Jesse R. Farr, by Joseph F. Merrill, November 26.

#### Seventies:

James Wright, Werner Vom Dorp, William Henry Altman, Gordon Wilkins, Sherrill Shurtleff, Theo Baer, LeRoy Gardner, Clifford Wyan Bagley, John H. Bundles, by Joseph F. Merrill, November 25-26.

#### Teacher:

Set apart as presidents in 273rd Quorum of Seventy: Edward Andrew Ogden, Ed. Kingsford.

#### Teacher:

Wallace Bessey, Alameda.

#### DEATH:

Glenn Bessey, November 12th in Alameda.

Wendall Martin, who is class leader of the Junior M Men, and his wife, Barbara, were the special host and hostess of the evening.

Lucile Brown, Ina Stauffer and Elma Moody, all teachers of Bee Hive classes in the Mutual, entertained their various classes recently at the home of Mrs. Moody. The girls played games and were served refreshments.

A four-ward dance with Elmhurst as host was held in the recreation hall November 17.

Dr. Milton P. Ream recently made a hurried trip to Los Angeles, where he was called by the illness of his father.

V. Blaine Chadwick has moved his wife and children to Seattle, where he plans to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cragun and family have moved into their new home.

Mrs. J. W. Sullivan of Los Angeles has been visiting with her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson.

The Relief Society utilized its fifth Tuesday by giving a social for the members. A very unique and interesting program was given, after which refreshments of ice cream, cake and punch were served.

Mrs. R. E. Stock is visiting with relatives and friends in Utah and Idaho.

Ted Marchant received very serious injuries to his right hand in an accident which occurred at his work in a cellophane plant on Thursday, November 16. He has been released from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wells, former residents of Elmhurst ward, have moved back again after having lived for a number of years in Hayward.

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